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TOPIC ELBING Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The 6,600-foot square airfield south of ELBING (Q 55/Y 90) had no taxiways or runways.
2. Two brick hangars, 40 x 130 x 500 feet each, with vaulted and tarred roofs, were on the northern edge of the field. Two hangars on the eastern edge were destroyed. Four kaserns each 330 feet long, located northeast of the field, west of a railroad line, which had been heavily damaged by the Soviets in 1947, were repaired by PWs.
3. A settlement with a capacity of 4,000 to 5,000 was north of the field and occupied by officers, their dependents, 50 men of a construction battalion and 80 PWs. Four fliers' cantonment buildings were on the road between the settlement and the airfield.
4. The field was occupied by 25 single-engine ground attack aircraft of Soviet make and two biplanes. There was intensive flying. Precision bombing was practiced. Paratroopers jumped from biplanes once a week.
5. A pilot regiment moved into the kasernes in the Summer of 1948. The Polish officers wore their uniforms.
6. The CO of the field was a Polish colonel who was supervised by a Soviet first lieutenant. Polish Capt HUDOWSKI was in charge of the construction work.

Comment:

a. The reported location and condition of the airfield agrees with previous reports. The occupation by ground attack aircraft, allegedly a Polish ground attack regiment, was last confirmed in September 1949. * The name of the CO is unknown.

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b. Polish Capt HUDOWSKI was previously reported ** to be the CO of the Polish 2563th Air Force Construction Bn. This battalion, among other things, did construction work at the field.

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